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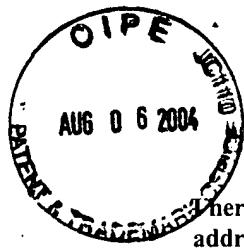
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Comments on Reasons for Allowance

This is responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance that accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated May 17, 2004, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner's comments might be interpreted as requiring more than one second reagent in Applicant's methods and kits. While the claimed methods and kits include the use of multiple antibodies, one each for each of the drugs suspected of being in the sample, and multiple first reagents, one each for each of the drugs suspected of being in the sample, the second reagent called for in the present methods and kits is usually, but not necessarily always, a single reagent. As such, the claimed methods and kits distinguish over Oh, et al., who detects one analyte using one set of reagents only.

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